(d) whether Government propose to open training Centres in each State; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. A World Yoga Conference was held in Delhi on 29-30 December, 1986.

(b) and (c) The Conference has passed resolutions suggesting that the Government of India should set up a Central Yoga University with affiliated colleges to be setup in all districts by the State Governments. It has also suggested that yoga should form in integral part of the education system.

(d) and (e) At present the Central Government does not have any such proposal under consideration.

Financial assistance to the states for the prevention and control of Encephalitis

828. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to provide funds to States for prevention and control operations against encephalitis;

(b) if so, the amount given to each State during the current financial year so far; and

(c) the amount likely to be allocated to each State during the financial year 1987-88 for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) There is at present no separate Scheme| programme under which Central Government provide financial assistance to States to control encephalitis. However, adequate quantities of insecticides like DDT|BHC for spray operations in affected areas and Malathion Technical for fogging operations are being supplied to the States for control of Japanese Encephalitis under National Malaria Eradication Programme besides technical guidance.

Purchase of Boeings

829. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to purchase more Boeings to augment the seating capacity of Air India on the inter national routes; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, With approval of Government Air India has placed a letter of intent with Boeing Company to purchase two Boeing 1747—300 aircraft for delivery in 1988. to Air India is also contemplating acquisition of suitable Boeing 747—200 aircraft as replacement for the lost aircraft 'Kanishka'.

The Boeing 747—300 aircraft are proposed to be deployed on the India-Continent, India—UK and India—Japan routes. The replacement Boeing 747—200 aircraft will be deployed on the India—USA, India—Europe and India—Gulf routes.

Canadian Offer for Universal Child Immunisation Programme

830. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Canada have recently made an offer to help India's universal child immunisation programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CIDA have offered an assistance of the order of Canadian $ 36.5 million through UNICEF for the Immunisation Programme in India.

Deteriorating S.T.D. Service

831. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of reports of the decreasing efficiency of S.T.D. facilities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the difficulty in obtaining calls through STD;

(c) whether deterioration in machinery and equipment is the cause thereof;

(d) what steps are being taken to tone up the level of efficiency of STD service by way of instituting better quality controls and equipment maintenance; and

(e) what are the names of cities where STD service is not up to the mark?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNCATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The STD/TAX network is spread all over the country and has mixed type of equipments i.e., both electro-mechanical and electronic. Even though the efficiency of STD services varies according to the type of equipments working at different places, it is gradually improving.

(b) and (c) The old type of equipment i.e., electromechanical type has some inherent limitations. These would be overcome by the electronic equipment which is being gradually introduced in the network.

(d) Following measures have been taken to bring improvement in the performance of STD services;

(i) A comprehensive Plan of Action has been worked out for the improvement of STD service and it is in various stages of implementation all over the country. This includes extensive testing and technical measures for improvement of the local exchanges, STD/TAX and transmission equipment.

(ii) Periodic service quality tests are regularly taken to monitor the STD performance levels and identify the areas of improvement.

(iii) Parameters controlling the performance of trunk automatic exchanges (TAXS) are regularly monitored.

(iv) Adequacy of circuits is watched regularly to ease the congestion. Satellite circuits have also been provided linking a number of trunk automatic exchanges.

(v) Old electromechanical trunk automatic exchanges are planned to be replaced by modern electronic automatic exchanges (digital) type and 16 such trunk automatic exchanges are planned to be provided in the 7th Plan Period.

(vi) A study is being made for introduction of surveillance equipment for the network with inbuilt facilities for applying network management practices for better quality of controls.

(e) The STD services are showing a gradual improvement.

Discussion with All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association

832. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had stated that as All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association was only a de facto recognised association. Government did not discuss with them the matter of revision of pay scales of teachers;